

The following claims are presented for examination:

1. (Currently Amended) A method **[[for]]** comprising:
receiving, at an event notification system, a communication ~~for a recipient~~;
generating, at the event notification system, a notification message, wherein the notification message includes information about a response to the communication,
wherein the response is that was dispatched ~~for the received communication prior~~
to the generation of the notification message; [[and]]
generating, at the event notification system, a communication flow expression which contains at least one instruction concerning **[[the]] a** transmission of the notification message, wherein the communication flow expression specifies a first recipient for the notification message; and
executing the communication flow expression, at the event notification system, and sending the notification message from the event notification system to the first recipient
~~a first recipient that is identified in the communication flow expression.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message is provided to the first recipient in accordance with preference information for the first recipient. ~~one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of the one or more designated persons.~~
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the preference information includes at least one media preference.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the preference information includes at least one human language type preference.
- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~generating and sending tasks are~~ notification message is generated performed in response to the received communication being placed to a specified telephone number.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message notifies the first recipient of an emergency that has been reported to the event notification system.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message notifies the **first** recipient of a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving, **at the event notification system,** at least one response to the notification message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving, **at the event notification system,** at least one status update from ~~at least one of the one or more~~ **a** designated **person persons.**

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dispatching **a** response to the communication.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving, **at the event notification system,** at least one status update from a person associated with the response.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying ~~at least one of the one or more designated persons~~ **the first recipient** of a status update.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication flow expression describes whether a second recipient is notified based on a response from the first recipient.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a memory; and
at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:
receive a communication ~~for a recipient~~;
generate a communication flow expression when the communication is received,
wherein the communication flow expression ~~which~~ contains at least one instruction
concerning ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of a notification message, ~~wherein~~ [[i.]] wherein the
communication flow expression contains an indication of a time of contact and an
identification of a recipient, and [[ii.]] wherein the time of contact is a time at which the
notification message is ~~desired~~ set to be transmitted, and [[iii.]] wherein the time of
contact is in the future relative to the time at which the ~~generation task is executed~~
communication flow expression is generated; and
execute the communication flow expression at the time of contact and send the
notification message to the recipient as a result of the execution, ~~[[; and]]~~ wherein the
execution ~~action task~~ comprises substituting the identification of the recipient with contact
information for ~~[[that]]~~ the recipient.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification
message is provided to the recipient ~~one or more designated persons~~ in accordance
with preference information specified by the recipient ~~each of the one or more~~
~~designated persons~~.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification
message notifies the recipient of a reported emergency ~~an emergency that has been~~
~~reported to the event notification system~~.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification
message notifies the recipient of a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is
further configured to receive at least one response to the notification message.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is
further configured to receive at least one status update.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to dispatch a response to the communication.

26. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for providing a notification of an event, the article of manufacture comprising a machine readable and recordable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

receiving a communication ~~for a recipient~~;

generating a notification message, wherein the notification message includes information about a response to the communication, wherein the response is dispatched prior to the generation of the notification message ~~that was dispatched for said received communication~~; ~~[[and]]~~

generating, ~~at the event notification system~~, a communication flow expression which contains at least one instruction concerning ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of the notification message; and

executing the communication flow expression, ~~at the event notification system~~, and sending the notification message from the event notification system to a recipient that is identified in the communication flow expression.

27-28. (Canceled)